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In re Application of

Shigeharu TAIRA

Serial No. 10/501,553

Filed: July 16, 2004

For: METHOD FOR DETERMINING  
REUSABILITY OF REFRIGERANT USING:  
EQUIPMENT OR REFRIGERANT LINES  
AND REUSABILITY CHECK TOOL FOR  
REFRIGERANT USING EQUIPMENT OR  
REFRIGERANT LINES (As Amended)

Patent Art Unit: 2856

Examiner: Paul M. West

THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application:

[X] No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS				SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA		ADDIT. RATE FEE		ADDIT. RATE FEE	
TOTAL 9	- 20	=	0	x 25 = \$		x 50 = \$	
INDEP 3	- 3	=	0	x 100 = \$		x 200 = \$	
[ ] 1ST PRESENTATION OF MULT. DEP. CLAIM				+ 180 = \$		+ 360 = \$	
				TOTAL \$		TOTAL \$	

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[X] Any additional excess claim fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.

[X] Any additional patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17.

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the June 30, 2005 Office Action, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Title** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the *Listing of Claims*, which begins on page 4 of this paper. Claims 1-9 are pending, with claims 1, 8 and 9 being the only independent claims.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

Appl. No. 10/501,553  
Amendment dated September 20, 2005  
Reply to Office Action of June 30, 2005

**AMENDMENTS TO THE TITLE:**

Please replace the title with the following rewritten version:

METHOD FOR DETERMINING REUSABILITY ~~RECYCLABILITY~~ OF REFRIGERANT  
USING EQUIPMENT ~~USE EQUIPMENT OR REFRIGERANT LINES PIPING, AND~~  
REUSABILITY CHECK TOOL FOR REFRIGERANT USING EQUIPMENT ~~CHECK~~  
~~TOOL FOR RECYCLABILITY OF REFRIGERANT USE EQUIPMENT OR~~  
REFRIGERANT ~~PIPING~~ LINES